GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:373
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2002
PETRONET AGREEMENT FOR SUPPLY OF LNG
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Petronet has signed an agreement for supply of LNG with various Gulf countries;

(b) if so, the details of this agreement;

(c) whether in some cases agreements have been signed for 25 years;

(d) if so, whether Petronet is totally dependent on such imported LNG for its operations; and

(e) the ports and their present status where such LNG will be off-loaded?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MI OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 373 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 08.08.2002 REGARDING PETRONET AGREEMENT FOR SUPPLY OF LNG.

(a) & (b):- An agreement for supply of Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) was signed between RasGas of Qatar and Petronet LNG Limited (PLL) in July, 1999. The agreement is for supply of 7.5 Million metric tonnes Per Annum (MMTPA) of LNG.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir.

(e) In the first stage Dahej in Gujarat and Kochi in Kerala have been identified as portsfor creation of LNG import and off-loading facilities. Till July, 2002 about 44% of the work of the Dahej project has been completed. The mechanical completion of the project is scheduled for December, 2003. In case of Kochi all pre-project activities have been completed.